

DATA TRACKING USING IP ADDRESS FILTERING OVER A WIDE AREA NETWORK

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

- 5 The preferred method for implementing the invention includes presetting IP filters and storing a web page on a first server coupled to a wide area network, whereby the web page including data mining code. The web page would then be uploaded to a visitor computer responsive to a request over the wide area network from the visitor computer, whereby the visitor computer would have a designated IP address. The data mining code
10 would then be operated on the visitor computer to obtain technical data. A subsequent step would be receiving at a second server the technical data and the IP address of the visitor computer and generating a log file incorporating the technical data and IP address. The IP filters would be applied to the IP address stored in the log file and a database file would then be generated from the log file responsive to the IP filters.

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